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University holding alcohol awareness forum



—J. Mancha/The Pan American

Members of the local chapter of Bacchus and Gamma look on as UTPA president Miguel Nevárez signs a proclamation in support of the prevention of alcohol-related tragedies at the university.

From Left to right: Bacchus and Gamma members Cindy Lara, Casey Swanson, SGA senator Fernando Barreto, Bacchus and Gamma member Rosalva Butanda, and president Nikki Grilliot.

Nevárez signs proclamation, kicking off campus program

UTPA president Miguel Nevárez signed a proclamation yesterday to include the university in a nationwide campaign addressing the problems associated with alcohol-related tragedies on college campuses.

The university Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP), along with the peer educator group Bacchus and Gamma, kick off National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Monday at the University Circle with a student and faculty forum.

"We are not isolated or insulated from [alcohol-related incidents], given our proximity to Mexico," said Nevárez. "Although we have been fortunate on this campus, there is no reason not to be involved," added Nevárez.

The project, formally known as "NOT HERE," is part of a national campaign focusing on students taking steps to increase campus awareness safety and risk prevention strategies regarding alcohol.

The forum takes place

Monday at 3 p.m. and will offer students and faculty an opportunity to voice their views on the subject. "As administrators, we feel we know what problems we are facing on campus. We want the students to discuss what they see as the problem," said ADAP director Jeanette Broshears. "Peers telling peers tends to be more effective."

According to a recent report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in the U.S. dropped in 1997 to a historic low, but in Hidalgo County, more than half of all the road deaths were the result of drinking and driving.

The NHTSA also reported that in 1997, 39 percent of the accidents causing fatalities were alcohol related.

"We would have to be naive to think that there isn't a problem out there," Broshears said. At the same time, we want to focus on the positive image of what's going on," she added.

Health Department investigating Possible TB case on UTPA campus

Reports of a possible case of tuberculosis involving a UTPA chemistry professor have prompted university officials to contact the Hidalgo County Health Department, Vice President of Student Affairs Judy Vinson said Tuesday.

The university is awaiting the results of an investigation being conducted by the Health Department.

"We're expecting the results

sometime next week," Vinson said. The university will then take whatever steps the Health Department recommends, she added.

The professor's name was not released Wednesday by the Chemistry department.

Dr. John Villarreal, Assistant Dean of the College of Science and Engineering, confirmed that the professor in question was not conducting classes at this time. "When it

became apparent that there was a threat of a communicable disease, he requested that substitutes take over his classes," said Villarreal.

The professor has submitted a request for medical leave, but it cannot be granted until the Health Department concludes that the professor is indeed ill, said Villarreal.

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EXPRESS-NEWS



The tragic death of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard Monday is just another sad example of the lengths some people will go to to express their ignorance and hatred toward another person with different views, beliefs, or even skin color.

The idea of the federal government pushing to make the punishment for such atrocities more severe is questionable, however.

It only makes sense that perpetrators of crimes like this should be punished, but why with greater severity? How does the pistol-whipping of a gay man differ from the pistol-whipping of a straight one? Would people have been as outraged if the incident in Jasper, Texas involved white men tying a white man to a pickup truck and dragging him until his body fell apart?

The elements of color, creed, and sexual orientation perhaps help point to some motives for some of these crimes, but neither enhance or diminish the fact that a person lost his or her life.

What message are we sending the families of those murdered in "non-hate crime" situations? Were the lives of their loved-ones not worth as much?

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Celebrate the budget surplus And thank Ross Perot

It's official. The United States ended its fiscal year last week with the first budget surplus since Richard Nixon's first term. It is an important and substantive benchmark.

With all the people crowing about how they helped make it happen, you'll be

forgiven for forgetting the person who, with his charts and squawky lectures, brought the issue of deficit spending home to America: Ross Perot.

Now squawking about petitioning for the president's resignation, Perot proved too quirky to sway voters in his '92 presidential campaign. Still, he has to be given credit as a key player in waking up America to the damage from deficit spending.

A federal government that lived beyond its means for so long distorted many public policies. Washington was not releasing much federal gas-tax money to the states, for example, in an attempt to minimize the size of the deficit. In Michigan, where gas-tax revenue

was no longer sufficient, either, aging roads and bridges kept crumbling.

The surplus means Congress had no excuse for not releasing federal road money. That infusion, along with the state's own gas-tax hike, means Michigan drivers finally see real fixes taking place.

That's just one way deficit spending in Washington warped decision-making everywhere. Excess Social Security taxes — the amount beyond what's being paid out to today's retirees — still are being used to help balance the budget. If Social Security surpluses were in a separate account, the overall surplus would vanish.

And one year of surplus does not necessarily get at another piece of the problem: the size of the federal debt. Although household budgeting doesn't work precisely as a comparison to government spending, it does seem unreasonable that a sixth of the federal budget goes to paying interest on the national debt, now at \$5.5 trillion. It is the equivalent of having enough money left at

the end of the month for a dinner out when you've made only the minimum payment on a huge credit card bill.

Ross Perot's zeal to end deficit spending was right, but his ideas for how to do it were precipitous and might have brought on recession. Similarly, paying down the federal debt seems like the right action but will need close examination and deliberate, careful timing — especially given the current chaos in world markets. U.S. borrowing, burdensome as it may seem, also creates a safe market for investors during turbulent times.

Ultimately, this country's return to fiscal discipline will not be complete until Social Security issues are resolved. Meanwhile, tempests in foreign markets and world money funds create dangers with a very unpredictable impact on the U.S. economy and budget.

Despite these uncertainties, the \$70 billion surplus still merits celebration.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Computer Science students serve Summer internships around country



Front: Sergio Reyes of San Benito, who worked at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Standing from left: Hector Solis of Roma, who worked at Xerox Corp. in Lewisville, Texas; Mercedes Guzman of Edinburg, who interned with the Air National Guard at the pentagon; and Margarita Salas of Weslaco, who also spent her internship at Xerox in Lewisville.

Sergio Reyes spent his summer internship working on a computer program that was so top secret, he couldn't see it run.

"I wrote the program, but I never saw it working with the actual data it was supposed to use," he said.

Reyes was one of four senior computer science students who spent summer internships at government agencies and a major corporation.

Reyes spent three months at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., developing a program to be used in case of an accident involving a nuclear weapon and acted as an advisor on Geographic Information Systems.

Mercedes Guzman, from Edinburg, spent her internship at the Pentagon and Andrews Air Force Base.

During her 10-week internship with the Air National Guard, Guzman designed a web page for a new travel system that all the military is going to be using.

"I learned so much," Guzman said. "It was a real eye-opening experience."

Margarita Salas, a senior computer science major from Weslaco, also found herself spending time in meetings, during her internship with Xerox Corp. in Lewisville, Texas.

"When I went to the interview, they told me I was going to provide online service and troubleshooting," Salas said. "But when I got there, there was a change of plans, because one of the administrators needed some help, so I became her assistant."

Salas' internship gave her a broader perspective of the workings of Xerox. She had responsibility for shipment of customer kits for a new software package, and she attended monthly meetings

with specialists from the office in Rochester, N.Y.

All three interns were asked to stay on at their internship locations, or come back after graduation.

Salas plans to return to Xerox for full-time employment after graduation, and Guzman was asked to continue her internship into the fall semester, but she wanted to return to school and finish her degree.

Reyes also was offered a position as a contractor and also offered to put him through a program there that would pay for his master's degree.

The interns were highly praised by their supervisors at their internships.

"We're getting very positive feedback," said Pearl Brazier, chair of the Department of Computer Science at UTPA. "Employers have been very pleased. The students' work ethic is something that the employers have remarked on."

Salas supervisors wrote that she had made "a tremendous contribution," and highly recommended her for a full-time position at Xerox.

Hector Solis of Roma, also interned at Xerox in Lewisville and was praised by his supervisors, and was recommended for a permanent position after graduation.

Reyes so impressed his supervisor that he was nominated for recognition as Sandia's Student Internship Program Outstanding Student for 1998.

"He exemplifies the reason Sandia has a student internship program," wrote Perry D'Antonio, department manager for the High Consequence Surety Engineering Department at Sandia.

— C.M. Powell

Q&A

Should rollerblading or bike riding be allowed on campus?

— Joe Leal

Jeff Gutierrez
Sophomore
Undeclared



Yes. At the college level we should all be responsible enough to choose our own mode of transportation. The freedom to ride to class is as elementary as the freedom to walk to class.

Maria Lozano
Senior
Biology

Yes. I don't see a problem unless it is extremely crowded. If riders pay close attention to the people around them and avoid accidents, they should be allowed to travel how they choose.



Valarie Martinez
Sophomore
Communication

Yes. I don't have a problem with it, but I feel that UTPA should make accommodations for students who choose to ride a bike or rollerblade.



Albert Moncada
Freshman
Undeclared

Yes. I can see how students that live on campus can appreciate being able to ride not only to class but also to just get around. I see more and more students riding bikes to class all the time.



Eliseo Tzuc
Junior
Music

Rollerblading should not be allowed on campus until after hours. It poses a greater danger to the students. Bike riding, on the other hand, should be allowed.



NEWS

Jury selection to begin in trial of doctor accused of injecting AIDS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — She says her longtime lover injected her with the virus that causes AIDS instead of the vitamin shot she was expecting.

He denies the charge, and his attorneys say the allegations are nothing more than a story she concocted.

A jury in Lafayette will be asked to decide the truth and whether Richard Schmidt, a gastroenterologist, is guilty of the attempted second-degree murder of Janice Trahan Allen, with whom he had a 10-year affair. If convicted, Schmidt faces up to 50 years in prison.

Defense lawyers and prosecutors met with the judge in the case Monday. The trial starts with jury selection Tuesday and attorneys expect that process to take several

days. The case is before state District Judge Durwood Conque.

Michael Fawer, Schmidt's defense attorney, did not return a telephone call Monday but in the past has called Allen's accusation "a crazy shot in the dark."

Schmidt, 52, allegedly injected Allen with the blood of one of his AIDS patients, claiming it was a vitamin B-12 injection. Allen tested positive for HIV a few months later.

According to prosecutors, Allen gave this account: She was lying on her bed, half asleep, when Schmidt let himself into her apartment with a key. Only the bathroom light was on when he walked into the bedroom, saying he was going to give her a B-12 shot. She told him to wait, but he jabbed her left arm with a

hypodermic needle and departed almost immediately.

Schmidt made a few more brief visits to the woman in the month that followed, but never touched her again.

Authorities contend Schmidt's actions came after she tried to break off their relationship because he would not divorce his wife.

She said she had Schmidt's child in 1991. Although he has not acknowledged paternity, he does help support the child.

In their off-and-on relationship, both Schmidt and Allen admit to other lovers. A pattern emerged in pretrial testimony: Allen would ask Schmidt to leave his wife. Schmidt would stall. Allen would date another man. Schmidt and Allen would reconcile.

Allen's other relationships

will likely figure prominently in the trial as the defense tries to establish other means by which she could have been infected. In addition to HIV, Allen is also infected with hepatitis-C.

The HIV-patient from whom the blood allegedly was drawn, does not have hepatitis-C, which is also transmitted sexually.

Prosecutors plan to present evidence showing two days prior to the alleged injection, Schmidt asked another patient, this one infected with hepatitis C, if he could draw blood for private research.

The case went to the state Supreme Court before Tuesday's trial date was set. Defense lawyers tried to keep prosecutors from being able to use viral DNA evidence, arguing viral conclusions based on

it would be meaningless.

Defense lawyers say studying the DNA of a virus is not like studying the DNA of a human being and that trying to use DNA evidence to link Allen's virus to that of any of Schmidt's patients would be meaningless.

They argued the topic would be too prejudicial and confusing for jurors to evaluate. Judge Conque disagreed and the state's 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal upheld his ruling.

In January, the state Supreme Court refused to hear the case, so Conque's decision stands.

Schmidt is free on bond and continues to practice medicine at his clinic. Allen still works at Lafayette General Hospital in a job that does not involve direct patient care.

OCTOBER

15-18 PLAY: University Theatre presents *Six Characters in Search of an Author* at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday).

15 CAREER FAIR: Graduate/Professional School Fair 9-12:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

16 AAP WORKSHOP: Accelerated Program for Educator Preparation & Certification. Workshop will be held at the Education Complex room 119 at 6 p.m.

16 MIDNIGHT MADNESS: First practice of men and women's basketball at 10 p.m. in the Field House.

17 DRIVE-IN-MOVIE: 8 p.m. to Midnight next to the Student Services Building.

19-20 MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT: In front of Emilia Hall. The screening is being offered for \$50, including radiologist's interpretation. Call student Health Services at 381-2511 for appointment.

20 CONCERT: UTPA Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

22 FORUM: "Non-Partisan Forum on the Importance of Voting and Being Politically Informed" at Noon in the University Ballroom. Speakers are State Senator Eddie Lucio, and

Hollice Rutledge, President of the State Republican Party. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

23-24 CONFERENCE: Southeast Tejaztlan Regional Conference to promote cultural and self awareness. Activities include presenters, poetry, and music. Hosted by El Sexto Sol de M.E.Ch.A. For information contact Jose Paul Valdez at 262-2928.

25 SENIOR RECITAL: Seniors Lynnette Amriz, voice, and Jamie Young, flute, perform at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

30 CARNIVAL: Carnival of the Great Pumpkin 8 p.m. to Midnight in the Field House.

NOVEMBER

1 CONCERT: Opera Scenes, 8 p.m., University Studio Theater in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building.

6 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi. 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 5 p.m., Field House.

7 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 7:30 p.m., Field House.

8 SENIOR RECITAL: Kim Rodriguez, clarinet, performs at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

10 CONCERT: UTPA Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General Admission \$3, faculty, staff, and students with I.D. and senior citizens \$2.

11 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs Green and White Scrimmage, 5 p.m., Field House.

11 BASKETBALL: Broncs Green and White Scrimmage, 7:30 p.m., Field House.

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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to CAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

FORUM

Does distributing condoms in high schools promote sex?

HELENA (AP) – Like last year, Helena High School student Danielle Marklin decided to distribute condoms to interested students because she doesn't believe the school goes far enough in teaching safe sex.

But this year, about one-third of the condoms were confiscated by a school administrator before the high school senior could give them out.

"I was told what I was doing was highly inappropriate," Marklin told The Independent Record Wednesday.

"She took the 100 remaining condoms at first, but gave them back. I finished passing them out after school, but not on school grounds," Marklin said.

The 300 condoms she gave out, along with informational brochures, came

from the Lewis and Clark County Health Department. Marklin said she was warned at the health department that she might not be able to hand them out on school grounds.

Condoms are not given out in the high school, said principal Ken Stuker.

"Marklin was stopped

these kids. Just because they are 17 or 16 doesn't mean that they don't have good ideas," Stuker said.

However, he said, the education of other students can't be compromised and students must observe school policy, using the channels of communication open to them.

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Marklin is concerned that high school health education classes don't mention sex "at all."

"We learn about it in middle school, but then they say nothing in high school, which is when people start having sex," Marklin said. "In the career center they

also passed out some condoms Tuesday at the high school, but he wasn't stopped.

Marklin believes the only reason she was stopped this year is a teacher noticed her.

Marklin said she started her condom-distribution mission last year because she wanted to do something more than just talk about unsafe sex.

"You see the pregnant girls walking around and think, 'Why did this have to happen?'"

She and Ventura said they believe more teens would use condoms if they were easy to get.

"I think a lot of kids are embarrassed to buy condoms in a store so they don't use them," said Ventura, whose T-shirt says, "For safe affection, teach protection."

"... passing out condoms was disruptive to the educational process..."

-Ken Tucker, Helena High School principal

from passing out the condoms because it was disruptive to the educational process," Stuker said.

Stuker and Marklin met on Wednesday to discuss her concerns and she was offered a place on the health education curriculum committee.

"We need to listen to

Marklin said Stuker was receptive to her concerns, but she doesn't believe she was being disruptive.

"I did it before school started and at lunch time. I didn't force them on anyone," Marklin said. She also said there is nothing in the student handbook that specifically bars such activ-

have brochures like '101 Ways to Make Love Without Doing It.' All they talk about is abstinence.

"It's like the elephant in the living room. If you just ignore it maybe it will go away," Marklin said about the high school's approach to sex education.

A friend, James Ventura,



Pearl Arispe
Freshman
Nursing

Yes. It's like telling them to go ahead and use them. It's like 'Here, go rent a room.'

YES...



Timothy Whitecotton
Junior
Computer Information Systems

Yes. Passing out condoms is saying to the kids its okay to have sex as long as you don't get an STD or pregnant.



Cassandra Vega
Sophomore
Education

Maybe. Abstinence is better and causes less problems, but if they're going to have sex anyway, its better to be protected.



Jennifer Dudley
Sophomore
English

No it doesn't. It's ignorant to think that. They're going to have sex regardless. It's out there and it's better to be protected.



Lori Ochoa
Freshman
Occupational Therapy

No. They should distribute condoms and educate them about sex. They're going to get them anyway, it might as well be at school.



President Miguel Nevarez signs proclamation as students (left to right) Cindy Lara, Casey Swanson, Fernando Barreto, Rosalva Butanda, and Nikki Grilliot observe.

NOT HERE.

Students Call for Campuses to Unite Against Alcohol-Related Deaths and Tragedies

A Proclamation

In support of the NOT HERE project to prevent alcohol-related deaths and tragedies in this campus community.

WHEREAS, The University of Texas - Pan American exists to support the academic achievement of our students and strives to create a learning environment that fosters growth and helps members of the academic community reach their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, during the previous academic year there were a number of alcohol-related tragedies and deaths on campuses across North America, events that we do not wish to see repeated here or elsewhere ever again;

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse-related behaviors clearly have a negative impact on learning and the overall academic environment and that a significant portion of students report that they prefer not to live or socialize in situations where alcohol abuse is prevalent;

WHEREAS, our own campus policies, educational programs and campus activities are in place to support efforts which provide a sound academic environment that is free from the problems associated with alcohol abuse;

WHEREAS, attitudes and behaviors in the academic community that foster alcohol abuse and increase the potential for alcohol-related deaths and tragedies are anti-intellectual and must not be tolerated at this or any institution of higher learning;

WHEREAS, research clearly demonstrates that a significant majority of college and university students drink alcohol moderately or not at all and make responsible decisions as they work toward attaining their academic goals;

WHEREAS, broad student leadership and peer education initiatives are a critical part of the overall strategy if we are to successfully educate and challenge students, student organizations or business whose attitudes and beliefs regarding alcohol lead to situations where there is increased likelihood that alcohol-related deaths or tragedies could occur;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the students, faculty and administration of The University of Texas-Pan American join together in supporting the efforts of the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network to spread the message, **NOT HERE** as a coordinated effort to unite the students, faculty and administration of this institution and at hundreds of others across North America, to open a dialogue and work together to prevent alcohol-related deaths and tragedies within their respective campus communities.

Miguel Nevarez
Dr. Miguel Nevarez

SPEAK OUT!

Be heard! Join students, faculty and staff to "Speak Out" on alcohol-related issues in our campus community.

Date: October 19, 1998

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: U. C. Circle (in case of rain U.C. Bronc Room)

For More Information: ADAP 381-2659

**Eight Charged in Death
Of Drunk College Student**

...university and their national chapters for violating university policies, said...

NEWS

University of Wyoming students, Community remember Shepard

(U-WIRE) LARAMIE, Wyo. — Amid the glow of dim candlelight on the lawn of St. Paul's Newman Center, more than 200 concerned friends, students and community members showed up for a candlelight vigil service Sunday night for Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old openly gay student who was severely beaten last Tuesday outside of this small college town and died Monday morning.

The vigil began with harmonious voices singing, "Where There is Hatred, let me Bring You Love," in an effort to come together in thought and prayer for Shepard, who died at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins Monday morning.

Referring to a banner hanging over the downtown area that says "Hate is not a Wyoming value," Jim Osborn, chair of the Lesbian, Gay,

Bisexual, Transgendered Association at University of Wyoming, prepared a statement for the vigil, stating the beating described as an act of hatred was not representative of the state.

"This mentality is not representative of the people of Laramie or Wyoming," Osborn said. "We are all human beings, despite whatever insignificant differences may exist between us."

The vigil exuded an air of community togetherness as people lined an entire block of sidewalk down one of the busiest streets in between us."

The vigil exuded an air of community togetherness as people lined an entire block of sidewalk down one of the busiest streets in Laramie to raise one voice and one candle of hope for Shepard.

"We are saddened-heartsick-

to believe that anyone could act against him with such unimaginable violence motivated by irrational personal prejudice and hate," UW president, Philip P. Dubois said. "All of us, I would imagine, are haunted by the thought of a terribly battered young man with his future probably erased."

The event of last week has sent a ripple of disbelief through this town and has shaken students at the UW where Shepard is a freshman political science major.

"Matthew was in my my major and the advisors canceled class on Friday to regroup," said Jake Luden, a freshman at UW. "I think this is going to really bring the community together and wake up the students who still thrive on hate."

Grinnell College student commits suicide with cyanide

GRINNELL, Iowa (AP) — Toxic fumes from a Grinnell College student who apparently killed himself Monday by ingesting potassium cyanide sickened nine people and forced the evacuation of a dormitory, authorities said.

Carl T. Grimm, 20, a sophomore from Placentia, Calif., ingested the cyanide at about 7:30 a.m. in his dormitory room at the private liberal arts college about 50 miles east of Des Moines, said Grinnell Fire Chief Jerry Barns.

Four paramedics who responded to the call at Younkers Hall came in contact with fumes from the poison, as did two college staff members and three other students.

Grimm was taken to Grinnell Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. The others became nauseated and weak and were treated and released from the hospital.

"When potassium cyanide is mixed with water or mixed with acid, it creates hydrogen cyanide gas, which is quite toxic. Eighty percent of the body is made of water," said Mickey Munley, the college's director of public relations.

Potassium cyanide is a respiratory poison that prevents oxygen from reaching the cells. When ingested, death is almost immediate.

Firefighters sent to Younkers Hall evacuated the three-story structure until the Des Moines Hazardous Materials Unit arrived to ventilate the building.

The hazardous materials team also was sent to the hospital's emergency room so it could be ventilated, Barns said.

"Because the poison was in crystalline form, there was some risk of contamination to others who came in contact with the deceased. The risk is

minimal, but we're being very cautious," said Dr. David Cranston, head of the hospital's emergency department.

It was not immediately known where or how Grimm acquired the potassium cyanide or why he would have wanted to kill himself.

"We checked the supplies in our main biology and chemistry stockroom and nothing was missing," Munley said. "The supplies that are supposed to be there are there. It's hard to say where someone could have gotten this."

At the four-year college of 1,327 students, officials worked to provide counseling for students, faculty and staff.

"Every student is precious to us and, therefore, this is a very difficult time. We encourage all members of the Grinnell College community to reach out to each other as we deal with this event," President Russell K. Osgood said.

Colorado State's "Coming Out Day" Somber after death of gay student

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — In an ironic twist, the attack on an openly gay student at the University of Wyoming came days before National Coming Out Day.

The mood on the Plaza, as about 50 Colorado State University students and Fort Collins residents gathered, was woeful and dispirited as many learned for the first time of Shepard's beating.

Several gays and lesbians said the attack was indicative of how far society has to go in understanding their sexual orientation; others said the attack was deplorable and sick.

"It points out the need for the human rights ordinance. I mean, in cases like these, we're not just talking about civil rights," said Cara Neth, who is a human resources staff member. Gardenia Leo, a Fort Collins resident who spoke on the stump, said she thinks "the fundamental right" should be outraged.

"I'm straight, but I'll fight for the rest of my life, if need be, for the rights of others," she said. "I demand (those politically right-winged) to be

outraged for what happened to Shepard. "They seem to be so outraged by the fact someone would be that way ... They should be outraged at what happened to him."

Freshman Colleen Reed shook her head as she read a copy of a Denver Post article detailing Shepard's beating, that was circulating at the rally Friday.

"It makes me scared because I'm a lesbian," she said. "It's also scary to see what people our age would do to each other."

Graduate student Grant Anderson said the beating was indicative of how society reacts to gays and lesbians.

"It's a horrible reminder of the state we're in," he said.

Crystal Owen, a Fort Collins resident, set up a collection jar at the rally to raise money for Shepard and his family.

"I went to college in Laramie and I just think it's sad that there are people who hate based on how another person loves someone," she said. "The world is not a free place until everyone's allowed to love openly ... I feel very, very saddened."

Calls for hate crimes legislation renewed

SANTA FE (AP) — Supporters of hate crimes legislation are renewing their call for New Mexico to pass such a law after the beating death of a gay student at the University of Wyoming.

Twenty-one states have hate-crime laws that cover offenses based on sexual orientation.

Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center of Montgomery, Ala., which tracks violence against minorities, said attacks against gays tend to be more severe than against other groups.

According to his group's records, 21 men and women were killed in the United

States in 1996 because of their sexual orientation.

The Stop Hate Coalition and the Coalition for Equality in New Mexico plan to urge the state Legislature to pass a hate crimes bill in 1999.

Such laws require tougher penalties for crimes that target victims based on race, religious views, gender, sexual orientation or social minority status.

Peter Weinreb, a past head of the New Mexico office of Anti-Defamation League, said Monday that given New Mexico's increasing diversity, it's important the state take steps to show hate crimes won't be tolerated.



UTPA 1998-99 BASKETBALL

Lady Broncs' coach sees depth Added to this year's team

With one of their strongest recruiting classes in recent years, the UTPA Lady Broncs have much to look forward to in the 1998 season.

Despite being an independent and not having a conference championship to play for, third-year head coach Kathy Halligan maintains lofty expectations for her ball club this season.

"Our major goal is to win at least 10 games this season. We won one game last year so we could honestly have one of the largest turnarounds in NCAA history. That is what we are playing for," said Halligan.

The last year UTPA competed as an independent was 1987.

UTPA has competed in Division I since 1968 (except from 1979-80 while in the Trans-America Conference) women's basketball has never won more than 10 games.

Coach Halligan returns seven players from a year ago while bringing in five true freshmen, one transfer and two walk-ons giving them a total of 15 players, five more than a year ago.

"This year we had to recruit numbers. This was the first year we had the opportunity to go out on the road and recruit so I wanted to go into the season with a full

deck of cards," said Halligan.

The Lady Broncs enter the season young. On top of the freshmen, the roster features six sophomores with a year of experience and only one senior, guard Jenny Rae Gaytan.

"With last year under their belt, I feel our sophomores are going to be much better," said Halligan.

Several players look to compete against each other for playing time.

"I think that is the most exciting aspect of all. They are all very similar in terms of their level of ability," said assistant coach Rod Lee.

With all the competition for spots and time, the point guard position seems solidified with last year's Sun Belt Conference Rookie of the Year runner-up, sophomore Alexis Williams.

"Alexis had a great off-season. She knows what we want from her so someone would have to step up incredibly to take her position," said Halligan.

Fans can expect a fast, high-tempo brand of Lady Bronc basketball.

"We're going to push. Everybody is going to have to run so most of our players are going to have to be interchangeable," said Lee.



Standing L to R: Manager Shane Pederson, Administrative Assistant Coach Palmquist, Micah McAdams, Larry Gibbs, Kyle Sanders, Manager Nelson. Seated L to R: Head Coach Delray Brooks, Associate Head Coach George Banks, Charles Baker, Assistant Coach Jason Patterson, Assistant Coach.



Standing L to R: Assistant Coach Shannon Osborne, Assistant Coach Tara Jennette Bolovinos, Lindsay Jacques, Assistant Coach Roderick Lee, Head Coach. Seated L to R: Alexis Williams, Asheré Thigpen, Alexandra Gravel, Cara St.

November

Saturday	7	Lackland Air Force Base
Tuesday	10	Green & White Scrimmage
Saturday	14	UTSA
Friday	20	Southwest Texas State
Saturday	21	Southwest Texas State Tournament
Monday	23	UTEP
Friday	27	McNeese State Classic
Saturday	28	McNesse State Classic

DECEMBER

Friday	4	at Stephen F. Austin Classic
Saturday	5	at Stephen F. Austin
Thursday	10	at North Texas
Saturday	12	at Texas Christian University
Monday	14	McNeese State
Wednesday	16	Southwest Texas State
Monday	28	at Florida Atlantic Tournament
Tuesday	29	at Florida Atlantic Tournament

*Home games shown in bold face

1998 LADY BRONCS FALL SCHEDULE

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Kevin Brown, Brucal Green, George Simpkins, Dewayne Watson, Matt Oliveria, Trainer Mike Macias, Manager Nefi Villalobos, Morgan, Larry Jackson, Brian Merriweather, John Braxton, Lalo Rios, Watara Patrick Harrington



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Johnson, Julie Shakin, Senella Baldwin, Radiajah Sinnette, Emily McRoberts, Coach Kathy Halligan, Ed, Erin Buttery, Leslie Thomas, Jenny Rae Gaytan, Cheveron Terry

1998 BRONCS FALL SCHEDULE

Pan American

Broncs' coach views freshmen As promise to teams' future

Delray Brooks is a lot smarter this year.

Last year's 3-24 record marked the worst season the UTPA of the head coach's career., a far cry from his days as an assistant at Kentucky.

"Last season was very difficult., so we decided to go out and recruit some quality basketball players who will play the way I want to coach," said Brooks.

"Dont be surprised if this recruiting ranks among the top 50 nationally," according to Hoop Scoop Online.

Some analysts rated the Bronc class in the top 3 among Division I schools in Texas.

Stiff competition is expected among players for positions including returning captain Lalo Rios and last seasons Sun Belt conference scoring champ Larry Jackson.

"Coach made me a captain and that is something that i don't take lightly. I know I got to come to work every day," said Rios.

Charles Baker (6' 1") is expected to see some time at the point and Watara Banks (6"4") should make his presence felt on the outside along with Brucal Green(6' 6").

Former McDonald's All-American

nominee Kirby Lemons (6'7") leads a group of five big men looking to do some damage on the inside.

George Simpkins (6'7") blocked 78 shots as a high school senior and Larry Gibbs (6"7") is regarded as a strong rebounder.

Post Dewayne Watson (6'9") who shot 79 percent from the free throw line as a senior and Johnny Frank (6'7") round out the interior men.

"All I know is that we are going to win our share of games this year," said Brooks.

Coach Brooks said he will continue the same up-tempo, Kentucky brand of basketball.

"It's all I know. I feel our press will be more effective this year allowing us to score and making our team more of a threat," said Brooks.

Two Broncs red-shirted last year, John Braxton (6'4") and Brian Merriweather, are also expected to make immediate contributions to the Bronc program along with Kyle Sanders.

Rounding out the returners are junior Matt Palmquist, and sophomore Micah McAdams.

November

Sat 7	7:30	MONTERREY TECH
Tue 10	TBA	EXHIBITION
Fri 13	7:35	Rice University
Mon 16	7:00	Louisiana State University
Sat 21	TBA	Providence College
Mon 23	TBA	University of Pittsburgh
Wed 25	7:30	COLORADO STATE
Sat 28	7:30	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

December

Fri 4	6/8	SW Missouri State Tournament
Sat 5	6/8	SW Missouri State Tournament
Tue 8	7:00	University of New Mexico
Sat 12	TBA	DePaul
Thu 17	7:00	Texas Tech University
Tue 22	7:30	LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
Mon 28	7:30	GONZAGA
Wed 30	7:00	Baylor University

FEATURES

Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) The moon's in Virgo, helping you focus on the little stuff by making it even more important than usual. Aries may be the sign of the warrior, but remember that part in basic training where you fold your underwear into a four-inch square? Expect to do things like that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You and your sweetheart have lots to talk about, and many plans to be made. Some of those ideas look impossible right now, but don't let that stop you. When you two get motivated and work together, anything is possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) It's possible that your house could stand a little tidying up. You want to go play with your friends, but don't waste the whole day on social activities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) A little more education is required before you reach what you're after. The process is like a ladder, with each rung another skill you've acquired or bit of information you've collected. Today, you'll go on a scavenger hunt for more of the above.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Money is coming in today, possibly as a reward for your previous brilliance. Some of it has been generated by work you've done, and some could be a gift. You don't have to just sit there and wait for it to happen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're so strong and decisive today you might surprise people who thought you were a pushover. You try to take care of others, even if it means going without

something you wanted.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You promised you'd do lunch, remember? The person you said that to is still waiting. He or she has left the brown bag with the sandwich in it at home for several weeks now.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You may be feeling under pressure, but friends can help. Don't try to do everything by yourself. Sometimes you think you should, because you can do it best. In this case, it's ridiculous, however.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel compelled to tell your boss exactly what you think. If you have a good idea about how to make the business prosper, definitely get it out. If you present solutions instead of complaining about problems, your behavior could earn you a promotion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're looking for love, try looking at your local college campus. It's also an excellent day to sign up for a class. Love and higher education are linked.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You should be planning for your future. No one else is going to do it for you, no matter what they say. If you trust them with your life, what happens if they can't follow through? They might have the best intentions, but you're left stranded.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You generally like to handle tough jobs yourself. Today, let somebody else do what you find most tedious. If you pick the right person, they'll see it as a blessing.

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Longhorn more anatomically correct than developers wanted

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A lifesize, vine-covered sculpture of a longhorn bull was more anatomically correct than officials desired.

"We had requested a steer. We got a bull. We just felt like the real focus should be on the topiary and not what sex it is," Roland Mackie, general manager for Sundance Square Management, said after the sculpture underwent an early-morning sex change operation Wednesday.

The \$4,000 jasmine-covered metal sculpture quickly became a topic of conversation after it was put in place, across the street from a horse-and-wrangler vine-covered sculpture that is popular with tourists.

The horse was always gender-neutral, but there was no doubt about the longhorn.

"We were wondering if we were the only ones who noticed," said M.W. Floyd, a police officer who patrols the Sundance Square area on horseback.

"All I know is, one day it was a bull, and now it's a cow," said his partner, Officer A.D. Simmons.

The TOP Five

FILMS

1. "Antz," DreamWorks
2. "What Dreams May Come," Polygram
3. "Rush Hour," New Line Cinema
4. "A Night at the Roxbury," Paramount
5. "Ronin," MGM/UA

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

TELEVISION

1. "ER," NBC
2. "Frasier," NBC
3. "Friends," NBC
4. "Veronica's Closet," NBC
5. "Jesse," NBC

(From Nielsen Media Research)

SINGLES

1. "The First Night," Monica. Arista.
2. "One Week," Barenaked Ladies.

Reprise.

3. "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," Aerosmith. Columbia.

4. "Crush," Jennifer Paige. Edel America.
5. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Lava.

(From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.
2. "N Sync," N Sync. RCA.
3. "Psycho-Circus," Kiss. Mercury.
4. "Supernatural," dc Talk. Forefront.
5. "Mechanical Animals," Marilyn Manson. Nothing.

(From Billboard magazine)

FEATURES

Faculty Art Show

The Annual Faculty Art Show was held last Thursday, from 7-9 p.m. in the Clark Gallery. The show was significant because it was the last exhibit for Sandra Swenson and Dr. Norman Browne, both of whom are retiring this year. It was also the first chance for students to see the works of Dana Groemminger and Joy Cuenco, the new additions to the art faculty. The show drew over 250 people, more than twice the amount that was present last year.

Among the works presented this year were ceramic pieces by Groemminger, mixed media pieces by Frank Manuella and graphic art by Philip Field and Joy Cuenco. Several other members of faculty also displayed their work.

Above: Frank Manuella's "Variations on a Theme"



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Far left: Dana Groemminger's "Disengaged"

Left: "Do it yourself"

Right: "Hammerhead"

What you thought

"It's interesting because it's an outlet to contemporary thinking. They express themselves through their art." – Mimi Martinez

"I think that this exhibit is different from the last one. New faculty brought new styles to the department. All of the pieces are very professional in their particular field." – Mrythala Saucedo

"I was impressed with the turnout. The show's really neat; much more contemporary than last year. It excites me as a student that I chose art as my major." – Fidel Alemán

"The show was important for students due to the fact that they could see their mentors' works. It's an inspiration for them." – Valerie Innella

"With the new staff it's more

fresh. The ideas are super original. I was impressed with Manuella's 2x4s. I never thought anyone could turn something so simple into art. I was also impressed with E.E. Nichols; it seems like he does the work for himself." – Marc Sanchez

"Dana Groemminger's pieces were the best in the show. They were really fresh." – Dennis Zamarron

"This has been the best show in the past 3 years. There's less work, but it's more interesting." – Joe Gonzalez

"The turnout's good. So is the quality of the art. Actually seeing that they (faculty) practice what they preach inspires the students." – Cayetano Garza

Right: E.E. Nichols "Grove Scape: After the Rain"

Below: Frank Manuella's "Jack be Nimble, Jane be Quick"





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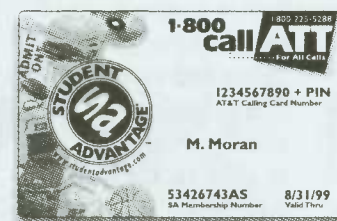
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9 year-old too big to play football

The parents of a 9-year-old boy accused a youth football league of unsportsmanlike conduct for not letting their child play football because he's too heavy.

Now, Mike and Debbie Stuart aren't completely satisfied with their son's new option to play a minimal-contact version of the game.

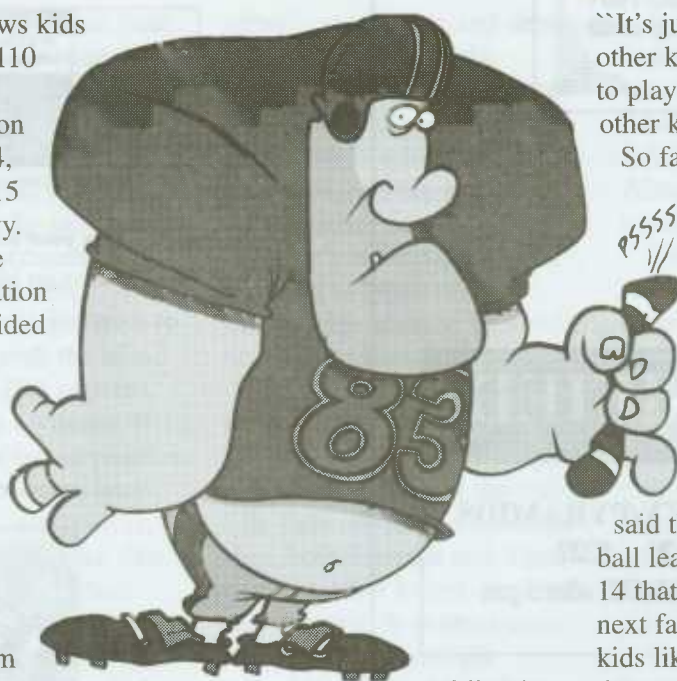
Nick Stuart, who is 5-foot-3 and weighs 160 pounds, received national attention in August when he wasn't allowed to suit up for the city's youth tackle football league because he exceeded the weight limit. The rules are designed to protect children against injuries.

Nick would be as much as 105 pounds heavier than the lightest kids in his age divi-

sion, which allows kids weighing 55 to 110 pounds. Even in the oldest division for kids up to 14, Nick would be 15 pounds too heavy.

Last week, the Park and Recreation Department decided to expand the city's flag football league so kids too heavy to play tackle football can still pass, catch and kick.

But Nick's family wants him to play tackle football. They're willing to challenge the rules, with the help of the American Civil



Liberties

Union.

"It's not that I want a lawsuit," Debbie Stuart said.

"It's just that I want Nick and other kids like him to be able to play a game that all the other kids can play."

So far, the Virginia ACLU has not found any statutes that the city's rules violate, but the organization will continue to pursue the case if the family is interested, said Kent Willis, executive director.

Recreation officials said that creating a flag football league for children 9 to 14 that would begin playing next fall would accommodate kids like Nick. Eighteen children were turned away this season because they were too heavy, officials said.

In flag football, children

wear three flags around their waists. They are "tackled" when an opposing player tears off a flag.

"Flag football is not tackle football," said Darryl A. Perkinson, a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and chairman of the rules committee. "But it is providing a recreational output for those who are turned away."

Mrs. Stuart said flag football would give Nick some experience before he began playing tackle football in middle school. "It's better than nothing," she said.

Nick, however, wasn't sure whether he would participate in flag football. He'd rather play tackle.

"It's more fun," he said.

Woman attends every World Series since '64

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The cape lady is heading to her 35th straight World Series. Jessie Anne Foyle, an 83-year-old great-grandmother from West Philadelphia, is a die-hard baseball fan who hasn't missed a World Series in 34 years. At each game, she shows up wearing one of four dark blue capes onto which she has sewn more than 100 ticket stubs.

"I had all these tickets lying around and didn't know what to do with them," she said.

Mrs. Foyle's first ticket cost \$8 and was for the 1964 World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees.

Mrs. Foyle has been a baseball fan and baseball memorabilia fan since she was a child. Her father, Harry Haigh, played minor league baseball in Louisiana with Ty Cobb, who gave her father a bat.

"He used the same bat for 25 years," Mrs. Foyle said of her father. "If the bat chipped or cracked, he'd put nails in it to hold it together. He even glued it."

Mrs. Foyle said she always wanted to go to the World Series, but then spent many years busy raising three children and volunteering for the Salvation Army. An unidentified friend on the Philadelphia Phillies staff eventually got her her first tickets.

Mrs. Foyle started saving her tickets and she wore her first World Series cape in 1982.

She's even managed to get invitations each year to a pre-series party attended by the who's who of baseball. She brings along baseballs to get autographs and has accumulated several dozen of those as well.

In addition to her love of baseball memorabilia, Ms. Foyle also collects music boxes.

"I spend at least 15 minutes a day dusting," she said.

Broncs finish 15th In Tulsa Tourney

UTPA's Inman hits 69, takes 8th place

TULSA, Okla.—The University of Texas-Arlington held on to win by one stroke Tuesday over the host team at the Holiday Inn Select Oral Roberts University Golf Tournament, 864 to 865.

UTA's Mavericks triumphed thanks to Harry Singh and Chris Forbes, who finished 4-5 overall at 215 and 216 for 54 holes.

Rory Scrynigeour of host Oral Roberts captured medalist honors with a steady 72-69-71 for a 212 total. He won by a stroke over Brant Kieschnick of Sam Houston State, the

third-place team at 214.

Rohan Aliwood of Southwest Missouri State nailed a 68 for a 215 total and third place.

Manuel Inman of UTPA came through with a 69 Tuesday for a 219 total that tied him for eighth place in the 92-man field. Teammates Toby Grubert and James Aleman tied at 235, followed by Stephen Slaughter 237 and Miguel De Los Santos 249.

UTPA's Broncs moved up from 17th to 15th on the final day, finishing ahead of Missouri-Kansas City, Louisiana Tech and Centenary in the

strong, 18-team field.

After the top three teams came Old Dominion 885, Washington State 894, Southwest Missouri State 895, McNeese State 8974 Jackson State tied with Stephen F. Austin 898, Lamar 905, Tennessee-Martin 908, Southwest Texas State 917, Kansas State and Northern Iowa tied at 921 for 13th-14th.

SPORTS

NBA Lockout continues

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing the possibility of the first shortened season in National Basketball Association history, owners and players resume labor talks last Thursday with few expectations of progress.

"We're ready to sit there and talk all day and all night and maybe someone will come up with something," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Often that's how it happens, but I have no reason to be optimistic."

The bargaining

session will be only the second between the sides since the lockout was imposed July 1.

The owners and players have only a couple of days to come up with a deal that will save an 82-game season, and such a breakthrough seems unlikely with the sides far apart on the main economic issues.

"I hope it's going to be substantive," players union director Billy Hunter said. "I'm going to tell David (Stern, the commissioner) what we don't like about their last proposal, and then suggest

that we really talk about something that's going to create some movement on both sides."

The last time owners and players were together in the same room was Aug. 6, when the players made their most recent proposal, and the owners responded by walking out of the room.

Two hour-long informal sessions have been held in the last two weeks, with only Stern, Granik, Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing attending.

Both sides now expect the work stoppage to force

the cancellation of games. The entire exhibition schedule has already been canceled, and the regular season is due to begin Nov. 3.

"We feel that the NBA is making a lot of money. Everybody, for the most part, is doing financially OK," Ewing said. "So we don't see why they had to lock us out. If you asked David Stern, I don't think he would say that the league as a whole is doing bad."

But Stern and the owners claim as many as half of them are losing money and the league as a whole

is much less profitable than it was just a few years ago.

The owners are seeking a system with cost certainty, looking to gradually roll back the amount of revenue devoted to player salaries from 57 percent to 48 percent.

The players have offered some concessions, but are unwilling to accept a "hard" salary cap or give up the "Larry Bird exception" that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

Aggie linebacker Receives honor

After an inspired defensive performance on Saturday in which the Aggies held the University of Nebraska to 114 yards on the ground, Warrick Holdman, a senior linebacker, upstaged Butkus Award-candidate Dat Nguyen and grabbed Big12 Conference Player of the Week honors.

Holdman recorded eight total tackles (five unassisted), a sack, two tackles for losses, one pass breakup, a fumble recovery for a touchdown and one huge upset of the No. 2 team in the nation.

"Hopefully they fear the whole defense," Holdman said.

As the team's second-highest tackler heading into the 1998 season, Holdman averaged six tackles a game through

the end of last season and finished with an 11-tackle performance in the Cotton Bowl.

Inside linebacker Dat Nguyen said Holdman does not get noticed for his contributions to the team as much as he deserves.

"He's pretty much a guy in the shadow," said Nguyen.

Holdman said he does not worry because there is going to be someone who knows he is doing his job.

"I just know that if I play hard and do my job," he said, "somebody's going to know I'm doing well."

Holdman uses his speed and strength to get on top of the play and make his presence known.

AD argues gender gap in coaches pay not biased

AUSTIN, Texas — While the athletics department has taken some criticism for salary discrepancies among coaches in male and female sports, UT officials attribute the gap to marketplace factors.

A report released in the spring by The Chronicle of Higher Education indicated that during the 1996-97 academic year, the University on average paid men's athletics coaches 230 percent more than women's coaches — the second largest percentage disparity among NCAA Division I schools.

But UT officials disagreed with both the report's methodology and any implication of gender bias in the salaries of Texas coaches.

Deloss Dodds, director for UT men's athletics, said much of the discrepancy in

the survey lies in salary calculations made by each individual university.

Contracts, such as those for apparel, shoes, television and radio, are made within the University and paid to coaches as part of their salaries, he said.

"The thing that skews the numbers is what most people report for their head football and head basketball coaches is their base salaries," Dodds said. "The merchandising things that we do, we put them all in salary — almost every other school does not do that."

Marketplace competition is a major influence as well, he said.

"When you go out into the marketplace to hire somebody, there is a standard you have to meet to get who you want," Dodds said.

For instance, he said the market range was \$500,000 to \$1 million for candidates the University interviewed last spring for the position of men's head basketball coach.

According to the most recent UT budget figures, men's head basketball coach Rick Barnes will make about \$660,000 this year while women's head basketball coach Jody Conradt's salary is about \$191,000. However, Dodds added that both coaches currently earn more than those figures indicated.

James Vick, vice president for student affairs, said a few sports — such as football and basketball — create noticeable salary differences between men's and women's coaches.

Market forces, not gender bias, produce the disparity, Vick said.

"What you're seeing is a major change when you're looking at football and basketball," Vick said. "I think that you will find that salaries — for coaches, for athletes in the professional ranks, for the best jobs — reflect the markets."

Although The Chronicle's report cited a large gap between men's and women's coaches' salaries, it noted that the University pays its women's head coaches well above the national average.

Women's head coaches at the median institution of 306 Division I schools made an average of \$39,400 in 1996-97, while UT women's head coaches garnered about \$88,219 on average, according to the report.

Beverly Hadaway, chairwoman of the women's athletic council, said the dif-

ferences between men and women coaches' salaries, when broken down by sport, are actually much smaller than The Chronicle's survey suggests.

"If you looked at tennis and tennis, track and track, there are some instances in which the women make more than men," said Hadaway, who is also an associate professor of finance.

According to UT budget figures, the men's and women's head tennis coaches — David Snyder and Jeffrey Moore — will both make about \$57,000 for their coaching duties this year. For track, men's head coach Charles Thornton will make about \$85,000 while women's head coach Beverly Kearney will earn about \$90,000.



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